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County rejects increase in wheel tax

Board adopts budget but leaves off \$30 hike; Abele says he'll return it unsigned

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The Milwaukee County Board on Monday rejected a \$30 increase in the wheel tax requested by County Executive Chris Abele.

The board's action came in its approval of a \$1.15 billion budget for 2018. Total spending increased \$42.6 million from this year.

The budget was adopted on a 15-3 vote. Supervisors Deanna Alexander, John Weishan Jr. and Dan Sebring voted against the final spending plan.

Abele quickly said he would return the budget to the board unsigned, citing cuts to services and programs necessitated by the board's action on his wheel tax hike recommendation.

"Clearly, supervisors believe that \$15 million in deep cuts to transit, public safety, parks and social services is what is best for the future of Milwaukee County," Abele said.

"I will not endorse the County Board's service cuts and am therefore returning the budget to the board un-

signed," Abele said.

The board's budget "will only make for more difficult budgets in the future and takes the first step towards a government that provides fewer services for residents," he said.

The budget sets a property tax levy for 2018 of \$292.8 million, or \$1.75 million more than the 2017 levy, that complies with a state-mandated limit.

A property tax rate of \$5.04 per

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'Domestic situation' linked to massacre

Gunman had sent threatening messages

John Bacon and Eleanor Dearman
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SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Texas – A lone gunman's gruesome assault on a rural church that killed 26 people and wounded 20 more appears to have stemmed from a domestic dispute, authorities said Monday.

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Monday identified the shooter as Devin Kelley, 26, of New Braunfels. DPS official Freeman Martin said Kelley's mother-in-law previously had attended services at the First Baptist Church but was not there during Sunday's bloodbath, the deadliest mass shooting in Texas history.

Kelley had sent threatening text messages to his mother-in-law, Martin said, and the case was not being investigated as terrorism.

"We can tell you that there was a domestic situation going on within this family," Martin said. "This was not racially motivated; it wasn't over religious beliefs."

Martin said the victims in Sunday's rampage ranged in age from 18 months to 77 years. He said 20 people were wounded in the attack, and some remained in critical condition Monday.

Wilson County Sheriff Joe Tackitt said about half the victims were children. All the bodies had been removed from the First Baptist Church, he said.

"It's just a horrific sight," Tackitt said. "You don't expect to walk into a church

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Dan "Poky" Pokwinski (left), is the former owner of Club 400 and put up photos to recognize the bar's connection to Les Paul. He's been mentoring new owner Jimmy Lindenberg. ANGELA PETERSON / MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

Les Paul legacy lives on at Club 400

Waukesha establishment has ties to guitar legend

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WAUKESHA – Luke Skywalker had Yoda; Jimmy Lindenberg has Poky. You'd have to say Lindenberg's chances of business success look pretty good.

Some business mentoring is formal, embedded in organizations like SCORE, and offered by experienced executives in suits who know their way around a marketing campaign and a balance sheet.

But mentoring also can come from a guy who shows up in a Montreal Expos T-shirt, carrying a free-beer-for-life card in his wallet. Who's to say what's best?

In early October, Lindenberg, a former geography major turned bar operator, bought the Club 400, a tavern and

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Les Paul and Mary Ford perform at Club 400 in 1949 with Warren Downey playing bass. According to the Les Paul Foundation, it was the first time Paul and Ford performed together in public. LES PAUL FOUNDATION

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